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This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application:

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For: HIGH-STRENGTH EROSION ELECTRODE

Group: 1725 Examiner: Elve

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any applications from which this prior application may claim priority, is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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- [X] Specification
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[X] Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Germany Application No. 196 35 775.6, filed September 4, 1996.

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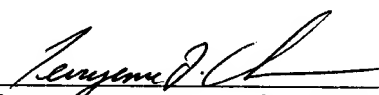
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